Constitution of Project Implementation Committee in PGI, Chandigarh

†4854. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Director of P.G.I., Chandigarh has constituted a Committee for project implementation overlooking the statutory bodies and decisions are being taken to spend crores of rupees through it while the said Committee has not been conferred such powers as per rules;

(b) if so, the date of its constitution and whether Government have conducted any inquiry into this irregularity; and

(c) if so, the results thereof and it not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The project Implementation Committee (PCI), an *ad-hoc* Committee, was constituted with the approval of Institute Body of PGIMER, Chandigarh for the first time in 1987 to execute engineering works, undertake construction activities at the PGIMER, Chandigarh and generally monitor its completion. The PIC at PGIMER, Chandigarh was reconstituted by the present Director on 19.01.2001 in pursuance of the decision of the Institute Body meeting of 15.01.1993. The Institute Body in its meeting held on 25th July, 2001 dissolved all Committees including the Project Implementation Committee. In regard to the minutes of the meeting of the PIC held on 1.8.2001, since the meeting apparently took place after the dissolution of the PIC, it has been decided by the Governing Body in its meeting held on 27.2.2002 that the Ministry should examine the PIC minutes dated 1.8.2001, wherein it has decided to award tenders for construction works, and bring the matter before the Governing Body for consideration.

Procurement and export of Ayurvedic herbal plants

4855. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed any ban on the procurement and export of any Ayurvedic herbal plant and medicine; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) 29 Medicinal Plants that are threatened or endangered have been included in the negative list for exports. The Plants, plant portions, derivatives and extracts prepared out of these plants obtained from the wild are not allowed to be exported.

Eradication of malaria in A.P.

4856. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified hard core malaria districts and malaria problematic towns in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps Government propose to take to eradicate malaria from such areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Ten tribal predominant districts namely Srikakulum, Vijayanagaram, Vishakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Kunool, Mehbubnagar, Adilabad, Warangal, Khammam have been identified as malaria hard core districts and two malaria problematic towns namely Vishkhapatnam and Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh are covered under the Enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) with World Bank support for intensification of malaria control activities by way of additional inputs through a mix of interventions.

(c) Steps taken for effective prevention and control of malaria in the State of Andhra Pradesh are:—

1. Intensification of Early Detection and Prompt Treatment (EDPT) of cases by gearing up surveillance activities.
2. Extension of facilities for detection and treatment of cases to the village level by involving community volunteers at Drugs Distribution Centres (DDCs) and as Malaria Link Volunteers (MLVs) in high risk areas.
3. Rapid diagnostic kits for malaria case detection has been introduced for piloting.
4. Identification of referral center for the management of severe and complicated malaria.